Bullying – No Way

Next Thursday we officially launch Bullying-No Way at Thornton School. A new way of handling Bullying will be introduced into the school. The Bully-No Way Protocol will see children issued with a Bully No Way Dot if they feel they have been bullied in the playground- keeping in mind that bullying is repeated verbal, physical or emotional harassment. The child may then choose to give this dot to their teacher. If a number of these dots are handed to the teacher and the teacher and the child feel there is a problem, the matter may be referred to our Bully No Way Officer. From there further investigation can occur and appropriate actions taken. The intention of this protocol is to more closely monitor the instances of bullying in the school and to have a clear process for children to seek help. It will also allow us to help students who display Bullying behaviour.

Other Bullying No Way strategies implemented at school include Anti Bully surveys, Anti bully Education programs, use of an Anti Bully Box, Class surveys, Restorative Circles and Open communication. Bullying is not on at school, in the work place or in the community.

Bullying?, No Way!
Local Government Week Breakfast
Next week, the captains and vice captains will attend a Maitland Council Breakfast to recognise Local Government Week. A great breakfast and entertaining speaker will help make the occasion a memorable one. Our captains and vice captains will be representing the school.

Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast
A reminder that the Big Blokes and Ankle Biters Breakfast will be held on Friday September 5 from 6:30 am till 8:00 am. Further information will be sent out closer to the date.

Book Fair Feedback
A very successful Book Fair was held this week. Congratulations to Ms Foster and Leanne Fitzsimmons, a wonderful volunteer, for working to provide this opportunity for our families. Great job!

Staffing News
We currently have a number of staff on various forms of leave. Ms Gorden is on leave until August 25 and is being replaced by Miss Varley. Ms Guinane will be on leave next week and will be replaced by Mrs Brown and Mrs Hooson is still relieving as Deputy Principal while Mr Lobsey is recovering from knee surgery. Mrs Wong is replacing Mrs Hooson during this time.

We are also very lucky to Have Miss Bullivan (6A) and Mr Collins (2A) as interns for the remainder of the term. They are both doing an excellent job.

Parking Blues
Reports of unsafe and illegal parking practices are still being made to the school office. In an effort to ensure student safety, polite road manners and no fines, please observe all traffic signs, take your time, be patient and remember we are only ever a split second away from a tragedy.

Good Luck Public Speakers
A huge good luck to our public speakers next week who will be competing at a regional level.

Our representatives are:
Kinder Nathaniel Chrichton and Charli Williams
Stage One Bailey Funnell and Joey Curry
Stage Two Elissa Trlifaj and Gemma Liddell
Stage Three Teagan Douglas and Corey Parkes

They will travel to Nulkaba School.

Education Week Gateway learning Community Reception
The Barclay Rock Ensemble rocked.
How clever were our children?
An outstanding Music and Drama Concert was enjoyed by all students and hundreds of parents on Thursday morning. The dance items were definitely dynamic, the choir items were harmonic and beautiful and our Barclay Rock Band just goes from strength to strength. The open classrooms were engaging and inviting. A huge thanks the whole Thornton community. We have an awesome school.

Open Classroom Photos

P & C News

Trivia Night
It is on tonight and there are still seats available at $10 each. Come along and bring some drink (alcohol allowed!) and nibbles. There are great prizes to be won in the raffle, silent auction and some fun games including coin toss for both men and women, you can choose!!!

Bus Trip
The trip is getting closer and we still have plenty of seats available so if you wish to come you need to pay your $50 deposit by the end of next week or we will have to cancel the trip.

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing your friendly faces tonight.

Cheers
Gill

Munch n Eat News
The roster for next week is as follows:
Monday 4.8 – Gillian (am)
Tuesday 5.8 – Taryn, Lynne
Wednesday  6.8 – Meredith (am), Jan
Thursday  7.8 – Linda, Wuanita
Friday  8.8 – Bruce, Elaine, Salena (am)

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week.
Thank you
Cheryl and Paula

Class Report – 4J

Thoughts on Friendship by 4J Authors

Friendship is a common bond between people. It comprises of sharing, trust, standing up for each other and feeling comfortable around each other.

If you have friendship, you must have faith in each other.

Friendships can last a long time. People in friendships can be different. In a friendship, you cannot be mean or jealous.

Friends defend each other. They stick with one another through everything.

People think you have to share interests and I’m not going to disagree with that, but you don’t always have to share interests. People share things when they are friends but it doesn’t matter if you don’t.

All in all, it doesn’t matter who you are, or what you like, or what you do. You can be friends with whoever you want to be friends with.  

Riley Blewett

Friendship can be between anybody or anything.  

Friendship is about two friends having the same relationship. It’s about having the same ideas. Abbey S

It doesn’t matter if you are different. You always have to be fair. Friendship is also about being comfortable and sharing your interests with your friends.  

Capri

Friendship is when you can trust someone and care for them. Sharing is one of those things that keep friendships together. When you meet a person that might want to be your friend, you have to trust them and care. But you also have to make them comfortable with you being their friend. Sometimes it lasts a long time but sometimes it doesn’t.

Grace

Friendship is believing in them and trusting them being a good friend. It is always being there for them when they need you most and never giving up on them. When your friends are being bullied or have been hurt by someone, you care for them and stick up for them. That’s what a good friend is.  

Libby

Friendship is loving and caring for the people that love to be your friends. Friends need to be fair and stand up for others. Friends can share interest in the same things your into. Friendships can be weird sometimes, but as long as you have got friends. Friendships can be tough. Friends need to act as friends. 

Ella

Friendship means sticking up for one another, never letting them down. Think what they have done for you. It is your turn to stand up for them. Abbey M

Friendship is important to everyone because you have faith in them. Bayley T

Friendship is how you care for one another. You don’t have to be the same. You can be different.  

Fannah

If you care for everyone, it doesn’t matter if you’re different or the same, you can still be friends. Isaac.
Thornton Primary School
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Trivia Night
1st August 2014
6.45pm for 7pm start

$10 per person
Tables of 8 (Arrange your own or be allocated a table)

Celebrate the Horses Birthday

There will be a raffle and an auction, as well as other fun games. Local businesses have donated some fabulous prizes including:

- Anytime Fitness - 3 month Membership
- STRATCO - $100 Voucher
- BJ’s Workwear - $250 voucher
- Helloworld - $100 Voucher

And many more!

So bring a bottle (or two!), some snacks and your wallet and come and have a great night all for a good cause!

Book your place at the front office
Thornton Public School P & C would like to thank the following local business for their donations of prizes for next week’s Trivia Night

- BJ’s Workwear Thornton
- Alissa’s Hair
- Anytime Fitness Thornton
- Clarke’s
- Coles Thornton
- Dominos Thornton
- Electrical Warehouse
- Furniture Warehouse
- Gloria Jeans Greenhills
- Heather from Totally Tisane
- Hello World
- Hortons Furniture One Thornton
- Hunter Pets
- Karen Walsh (The Body Shop at Home)
- Kim’s Gift Shop Greenhills

- Korine and Chris
- MC Jewellery Designs
- McDonalds Thornton
- Mortels Thornton
- Network Video Thornton
- Pearl Nails Greenhills
- Perspective Branding
- Phoenix House Chinese Restaurant Thornton
- Somerset Curtains and Blinds
- Stratco Thornton
- Subway Thornton
- Tanya Holbert INTIMO
- The Good Guys
- Wurth

So bring your gold coins and cheque books for your chance to win some of amazing prizes at the trivia night on Friday 1st August!